

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT
USSN 10/687,870

REMARKS

Claims 1-17 are all the claims pending in the application.

In the Office Action dated August 27, 2004, the Examiner requires that Applicant select one of the following groups for prosecution on the merits:

Group I: Claims 1-14, drawn to a substrate coating system; and

Group II: Claims 15-17, drawn to a substrate coating method.

In response, Applicant elects Group I, consisting of claims 1-14, without traverse.

Applicant reserves the right to file a Divisional Application directed to non-elected claims 15-17, if necessary. However, Applicant requests the Examiner to include claims 15-17 in the examination of the present application, should it become apparent that the additional burden in searching and examination is minimal.

In view of the above, substantive examination of this application is now believed to be in order, and such action is hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

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